

# OPERATIONAL RULES

1. We would like to develop Operational Rules using the following guiding principles:
  - The rule will be designed as Performance Standards
  - The rule will be based on Best Management Practices for operation and maintenance of public water systems
  - The rule will be designed to protect public health
  - Specific requirements will be tailored to the size and complexity of the system
  - The rule will minimize or avoid additional paperwork for systems and IDEM
  - The rule will not be a Permitting Program
2. Topics for discussion
  - a) Definitions
    - Hold off on this until later date*
    - Define the following*
    - Critical parts*
  - b) Operation
    - Who is involved what type of systems
    - Breakdown of systems
    - How to break them down
      1. TNC, NTNC, Communities
      2. Population
      3. Seasonal vs. Annual
      4. Source Water *Type*
        - Surface (reference federal surface water rule)*
        - GWUDI*
        - Ground*
          - Treatment*
          - No treatment*
        - Purchase*
          - Treatment*
          - No treatment*
      5. Complexity
        - Distribution*
        - Storage*
      6. Volume
      7. Make general statement
  - c) Maintenance - General
    - General Requirements
    - Required Supervision
      - Notification of owners, certified operators

- Chemical Addition
  - Chemicals being added approved
- When construction permits are required
  - Replacement of items such as pressure tanks
- Maintenance Program (Ask Group do we want maintenance to be after each section or under a general heading)
- To be written by plant and IDEM reviews on inspection visits
- Program to contain
  - Maintenance Process
  - Maintain Schedules
  - Manufactures suggested instruction
  - System inventory***
  - Pipe size location***
- Exception for Water Systems
  - Small systems have checklist instead of O&M Manual***
- ***Critical Parts on hand***
- ***List of vendors for repairs***

d) Maintenance – ~~Individual~~ **By Facility Classification**

- Distribution Systems
  - Metering
    - Meter placement on service line***
    - Meter Pits***
  - Types of meters
    - Flow Meters***
    - Customers***
  - Pressure Requirements
    - Minimum amount of pressure
  - Replacement locations
    - Replace to current standards
  - Location not the same as old lines deals with relocation
  - ***Depth of service lines***
  - Sample Site Plan
    - Current map
    - How often do you want to change
  - Dead Ends
  - Hydrants
    - Flushing
    - Drains
  - Valves exercises
  - ~~- Leak Detection~~ ***Water Audits***
  - ***Backflow preventers***
  - ***Booster Stations***

- Source

**- Location of source**

**- Wells**

Pumping tests

How often

Static Water Levels

***Well logs***

***Cleaning reports***

**- Surface**

Intake structure

***As built drawings***

**- Raw Water Lines**

**- Wellhead/Source Water Protection**

**- Security of source**

***What should be on Web site?***

**- Emergency Response**

➤ ~~Pumps~~ ***Pumps/Control Valves***

**- Lubrication**

Type of lubrication

How often

**- High Service**

Testing

**- Booster**

Testing, type, capacity

**- Pump setting**

**- Pumps shutoff**

***Valve***

***Pressure side***

➤ **Chemical Treatment**

**- Feed equipment**

Replacement parts on hand

**- *Where does storm piping go?***

**- Storage and handling**

Safety handling

***Safety handling plans reference from different rules (i.e. air)***

***Operator Safety might reference other rules***

**- Chlorination**

Mandate continuous chlorination

Testing

Minimum Contact Time

Residual requirements Free/Total

Distribution Residual

not less than 0.25 mg/l free chlorine

not less than 1mg/l total chlorine

Plant Residual  
Chlorine Operation Records  
How long should they keep records  
Exemptions from Chlorination  
What systems are not required to chlorinate (Ground Water  
Rules may dictated Chlorination)  
Revocation of Exemption of Chlorination

- ***Disinfection***
- ***Back up Disinfection***
- ***Other Chemical being added (i.e. Phosphate)***
- ***General Statement on maintenance of equipment per manuals***
- ***Effect of oxidants on equipment***
- ***Required NSF Requirements***
- ***Direct/Indirect Additives Rules***

➤ Operation and Maintenance of Treatment Unit

- Filtration

***Filter gauge***

***Depth of media***

***Backwash Turbidity***

***Media age***

***Recharge***

***Type of Media***

***Backwash waste***

- Aeration

***inspection time***

- ***Flashmix***

- ***Flocculation***

- ***Clearwell***

***Residual level in clearwell***

- ***Electrical (Blackboxes)***

***Dehumidifiers***

***Motors***

➤ ***Taking off line requirements and putting back on line***

- ***take plant off line who to notify and how to notify***

➤ ***Separation distance between chemical feeds***

➤ ***Residual Management***

- ***Iron Sludge***

e) Secondary Standards and Aesthetics (***Is this section necessary***)

- Color

- Odor

- Taste

- ***Hardness***

- *Define minimal level of testing in this area*
- *What are EPA requirements if exceeded?*

f) Operational Testing

- Digital equipment
- *General Category*
- *Frequency*
- *Types of Treatment*
- *Filtration Preferred*
- *SCADA System*
- *Monitoring*

g) Reporting Requirements

- MRO's

Who is required to submit

*What would it be (type of submittal make sense no more paperwork)*

*If chemical is added we want to see it*

*Ask workgroup*

*What would be the best indicator for performance of the facility*

*Add last months or last years averages on report*

- Submittal time frame

*Weekly*

*Monthly*

*Annual*

- Measurement of the following

e.g. flow, chemical doses, observations, backwashing time, disinfection residuals

- *Record Maintenance*

*How long to maintain and keep documents*

h) Storage

- *Inspection Frequency*

- *Dechlorination Station*

- *Turnover of water in tank (rechloriantion)*

- *Corrosion Control*

- *Security*

- *Control Access*

- Towers

Overflow line

*Screens*

*Location of line*

Evaluation of repairing

- Pressure/Hydro-Pneumatic Tanks

Location

*Pressure relief*  
*Volumes of Tank*  
*ASTME Standard*  
*Pressure Vessel Relief Board Regulations*  
*Valve maintenance*  
*Frequency of inspection*  
*Screens*  
*Internal tanks*

- Amount required  
How much water is available for emergency situations

***Site specific***

- Clearwells  
~~Type of containment~~

***Baffling***

- Ground
- Control Valves
- ***Access Control***

***Covered or uncovered***

- i) Cross Connection
  - ***Cross Connection Regulations (327 IAC 8-10)***
- Water Loading Stations
  - Identification of loading station***  
Water Haulers

- j) Repair Work and Emergency Operation

- Protection during Repair Work  
Protecting the water from contamination
- Disinfection Following Repair or Replacement  
Handling of waste from disinfecting
  - Dechlorination Agents***
- How to notify State
- Copy of repair schedules
- Sampling Requirements  
Number of samples determined according population involved
  - Test needed to be performed if line breaks***
- Emergency Operation
  - Boil Orders
  - Notification of agency
  - Emergency/Contingency Plan
    - Auxiliary power
  - Public Notification
    - Purpose
      - Why notify
    - Public Concern (frightened)***  
Responsibility

Who is responsible  
Requirement  
What type of language  
How to notify  
Person to be notified

***k) Life expectancy of Treatment Plant***

***l) Surface Water Treatment Rule***

***m) Other Discussion Topics:***

- Follow up of Sanitary Survey deficiencies identified by IDEM
- Maintaining compliance with Permit and Rule requirement  
Maintenance of or control of sanitary setback area
- The facility shall maintain adequate technical, managerial and financial personnel ***and resources*** to operate system.
- ***Spell out responsibility for compliance of the system owners (Town Boards and system operators)***
- ***Bond requirement for delinquent systems***
- ***Operators caught in the middle between rule and governing body***